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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**
TRANSMITTAL

MAIL STOP RCE
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/657,272
Confirmation Number	9969
Filing Date	September 7, 2000
First Named Inventor	Toru MATAMA
Group Art Unit	2624
Examiner Name	Patrick L. EDWARDS
Matter Number	Q58745
Title	IMAGE READING METHOD, IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF DISCRIMINATING DEFECT OF IMAGE DATA

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on March 17, 2006
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
 - iv. Petition for Extension of Time
 - v. Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months
- b. Other _____

3. FEES

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the RCE statutory fee of \$790.00 and/or all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

Name <u>Susan Perng Pan</u>	Registration No. <u>41,239</u>
Signature <u>Susan Perng Pan No. 54,627</u>	Date <u>April 17, 2006</u>